

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A manual bone anchor placement device, comprising:
 - a manually actuatable lever;
 - a resilient element;
 - a force translator comprising a distal end and a proximal end, the ~~proximal~~distal end being coupled to the lever and the ~~distal~~proximal end being coupled to the resilient element, the force translator transmitting a force exerted on the lever to the resilient element;
 - a rotator coupled to the resilient element, the rotator receiving force from the resilient element and rotating in response thereto;
 - a head assembly;
 - a recessed anchor mount movably disposed within the head assembly; and
 - an actuation mechanism coupled to the recessed anchor mount.
2. (New) A manual bone anchor placement device, comprising:
 - a manually actuatable lever;
 - a force translator comprising a distal end and proximal end, the distal end receiving force from the lever;
 - a rack coupled to the proximal end of the force translator, receiving force from the force translator, the rack moving linearly into an engaging position in response to the force from the force translator;
 - a rotator positioned in close proximity to the rack, engaging with the rack when the rack moves into the engaging position and rotating in response to engagement by the rack;
 - a head assembly;
 - a recessed anchor mount movably disposed within the head assembly; and
 - an actuation mechanism coupled to the recessed anchor mount.
3. (New) A manual bone anchor placement device, comprising:
 - a manually actuatable lever;
 - a driver rod comprising threads;
 - a cup coupled to the lever, positioned over the threads of the driver rod, and movably axially along the driver rod upon manual actuation of the lever;

a washer positioned over the threads of the driver rod, engaging the cup upon manual actuation of the lever, translating force from the lever to the driver rod, and rotating the driver rod;

a head assembly;

a recessed anchor mount movably disposed within the head assembly; and

an actuation mechanism coupled to the recessed anchor mount.

4. (New) The manual bone anchor placement device of any one of claims 1-3, wherein the actuation mechanism is selected from the group consisting of a push wire and a pull wire.

5. (New) The manual bone anchor placement device of any one of claims 1-3, wherein the actuation mechanism actuates the recessed anchor mount between a recessed position and an advanced position.

6. (New) The manual bone anchor placement device of any one of claims 1-3, wherein the anchor mount includes an outer surface comprising at least one flat surface and the head assembly defines a core comprising a mating shape.